



ORDER NUMBER STF 2013-12
Ramsey Fire Closure
Stanislaus National Forest

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Calaveras Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest. This Order is effective from September 13, 2013 through September 12, 2014.

1. Going into or being upon any National Forest System land within the Ramsey Fire Closure Area. The Ramsey Fire Closure Area boundary begins at the intersection of the western boundary of Ganns Meadow and Highway 4, then continues southwest along Highway 4 one-half mile to its intersection with Forest Road No. 6N58Y, then continues southwest two-thirds mile to its intersection with the eastern terminus of Forest Road No. 6N81YB, then continues southeast to its intersection with the North Fork of the Stanislaus River, then crosses the North Fork of the Stanislaus River and continues southeast for 200 feet, then continues east one and three-quarter miles paralleling the North Fork of the Stanislaus River, then continues north one and one-quarter miles to its intersection with State Highway 4, then continues west along State Highway 4, back to the starting point. 36 CFR 261.53(e).
2. Being on the National Forest System roads listed below and shown on the attached map.
 - a. Any National Forest System road within the Ramsey Fire Closure Area.
 - b. Forest Road No. 6N58Y.
 - c. Forest Road No. 6N79, from its intersection with the boundary of the Ramsey Fire Closure Area then east to its terminus.

36 CFR 261.54(e).

3. Being on the National Forest System trails listed below and shown on the attached map.
 - a. Any National Forest System trail within the Ramsey Fire Closure Area.
 - b. Forest Trail No. 17E21 from its intersection with the boundary of the Ramsey Fire Closure Area then east to its terminus.

36 CFR 261.55(a).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Sonora, California, this 12th day of September, 2013.

/s/ Susan Skalski _____
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Subject: Ramsey Fire Area Closure *86*

To: Project File

From: Susan Skalski, Forest Supervisor

On August 11, 2012, the Ramsey Fire started along the North Fork Stanislaus River on the Calaveras Ranger District near Dorrington in Calaveras County. Tree snags and other unstable vegetation remain a hazard in the burn area causing unsafe conditions for public use. Crews and equipment continue to be used on the roads and trails in and adjacent to the burned area causing potential congestion of these areas and a hazardous condition. Because of the steep terrain, and the number of hazards inside the closure area, it will take an additional year to sufficiently reduce the risk of these hazards to the public. As a result, I have decided to close public access to the Ramsey Fire area, three adjacent roads, and one trail, until the resources can be rehabilitated and stabilized.

Scoping determined that anticipated effects of this proposed action would be administrative in nature. Minimal ground disturbance will occur, and no other additional impact on any natural resources will occur with the implementation of this proposed action. The Forest Service will install signs to alert the public to these prohibitions.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 215.12(f), this decision is not subject to administrative appeal. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure and the procedures for legal notice and opportunity to comment (36 CFR 215.4) do not apply to this project. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

cc: Heidi Rieck



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